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Applicant:	KUSHIDA et al.	Examiner:	D. GOINS
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Filed:	November 17, 2003	Docket No.:	14470.19US01
Title:	VEHICLE DISPLAY DEVICE AND LIGHT GUIDE PLATE THEREOF		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Sir:

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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. The references were recently cited in a Spanish Office Action mailed June 19, 2006. A copy of the office action is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449. Also, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), the undersigned also hereby certifies that each item listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the cited U.S. Patent Documents are not provided.

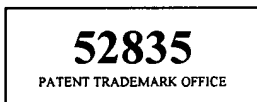
A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

An English abstract has been provided for JP 2002-040260 and JP 10-241431.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	OTHER CLASSIFICATION IF APPROPRIATE
	US 5,469,184	November 1995	MOUNT			
	US 5,341,230	August 1994	SMITH			
	US 4,990,899	February 1991	GERLITZ et al.			
	US 5,453,877	September 1995	GERBE et al.			
	US 2002/0126391	September 2002	KUSHIDA et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	JP 2002 040260	February 2002	JAPAN			Abstract	
	JP 10241431	September 1998	JAPAN			Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		

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